Mayor Kristen Brown called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Dan Wallace with First Christian Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brown.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Dascal Bunch, Ryan Brand, Frank Jerome, Frank Miller, Tim Shuffett, Aaron Hankins, and James Lienhoop were present.
- D. Tim Shuffett moved to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2012 City Council meeting. Dascal Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO._______, 2012, RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA DETERMINING THAT AN AMENDMENT TO A DECLARATORY RESOLUTION AND A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF COLUMBUS REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION CONFORMS TO THE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CITY AND APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO DECLARATORY RESOLUTION AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN." Ed Curtin requested a thirty (30) day continuance on behalf of the developer. Discussion followed. Tim Shuffett made a motion to continue this until the second (2ND) meeting in February, 2012. Frank Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

A. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 1, 2012, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2012 SALARY ORDINANCE." Mayor Brown explained there were three sets of very minor requests to amend the 2012 Salary Ordinance.

The first being a proposal with regard to Board of Works members, increasing the number of citizen members to two (2) and dividing the salary between the two members. No additional funds would be necessary for this proposed change.

The second set of proposed changes were presented by Police Chief Jason Maddix. Chief Maddix presented a spreadsheet detailing a

reorganizational plan for the Police Department. He stated two positions have been eliminated; one being a Deputy Chief and the other a Captain position. Chief Maddix also stated the Public Relations and DARE positions will be combined, which will result in one more patrolman on the road. Chief Maddix proposed adding one (1) Lieutenant position for a total of ten (10) Lieutenants and one (1) Sergeant position, totaling fifteen (15) Sergeants. Total number of officers would remain at seventy-six (76), but would save the department \$6,539 per year. He stated these changes would take effect, in full, Saturday, February 4, 2012 at the end of the over-time pay schedule. Discussion followed.

The third proposed salary changes were presented by Clerk Treasurer Luann Welmer. Luann explained the Transit Bus Driver and On-Call Driver pay exceeds the three (3) percent pay increase and should only be at the maximum rate of \$16.95 (instead of \$16.96).

Frank Jerome moved to suspend the rules and pass this Ordinance in one reading. Jim Lienhoop seconded the motion to suspend the rules. Motion to suspend the rules and pass this Ordinance passed by a vote of 7 to 0. Frank Jerome made a motion to approve the Amended Salary Ordinance as presented. Motion was seconded by Jim Lienhoop. Amended Salary Ordinance passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

IV. Other Business

- A. Mayor Brown discussed her desire to sell the city owned 2008 GMC Acadia. This vehicle is part of a benefit package for the Mayor, one that she does not wish to use. Mayor Brown would like to use the proceeds from the sale of the vehicle to purchase Ice/Water Rescue Equipment for the Fire Department. Deputy Fire Chief David Dwyer presented a power point presentation detailing specific items needed for technical Ice/Water Rescue. A video was also played showing rescue demonstrations. Deputy Chief Dwyer explained that the Fairfield, Ohio Fire Department will be in town next week offering free training to our local fire officials. Discussion followed. Retired professional scuba diver, Rick Cain, commented about his experience with the described boats/equipment and spoke positively about their performance.
- B. Mayor Brown presented a handout of possible salary ordinance changes. She discussed eliminating the Manager of Information Services and Public Safety Director position. Mayor Brown would like to consider restructuring the duties of Fire Chief to include Director of Emergency Services and increase in pay. Mayor Brown also spoke of a possible salary increase for the Executive Assistant to Mayor. In addition to these changes, Mayor Brown would like to propose two new positions: Director of Human Resources and Director of Planning and Finance. The overall figures should result in a small decrease of funds.

Mayor Brown would like to bring the position of Director of Redevelopment in house and fund this through County Economic Development Income Tax (CEDIT). Currently the Director of Redevelopment is paid contractually through Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds.

Mayor Brown discussed the option of hiring a full-time City Attorney and bringing that position in-house. Mayor stated an Assistant City Attorney would still be necessary. Brief discussion followed.

C. City Council appointments to various boards and committees for 2012 were presented by Jim Lienhoop.

Animal Control Commission, Dascal Bunch, Liaison; Board of Zoning Appeals, Frank Miller, Liaison; Flood Study Group, Dascal Bunch, Liaison (replacing Frank Miller); Technology Committee, Mark McHolland, Member; Insurance Review Committee, Dave Ransdell and Frank Miller, Members.

Jim Lienhoop made a motion to accept City Council appointments as presented. Frank Jerome seconded the motion for approval. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

- D. Mayor Brown suggested hosting a Public Open House at City Hall with all City Council Members and Department Heads. Discussion followed. A future date will be selected and advertised for a Public Open House.
- E. Next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **February 7**, **2012** at 6:00 P.M. in City Hall.
- F. Tim Shuffett moved to adjourn the meeting. Frank Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:57 P.M.